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RE Informal Communication: 10/693,854 Proposed Interview Agenda
(MS1-1780US)

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Dear Examiner Wang,

Please find attached a proposed interview agenda. If possible, we would like to schedule the interview for March 18, 19, 22, or 23. Please call me with a couple of days/times that you are available. We are on the west coast so anytime after 11 am your time works well.

The following agenda should be 5 pages. Please let me know if you don't receive all pages.

Thank you and regards,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (USPTO)

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Dear Examiner Wang:

[0001] This communication provides an agenda for an interview of this matter. My assistant will be contacting you to schedule an interview. If you would prefer to schedule the interview, then please contact my assistant or me directly. Our contact info is on the signature page of this document. Thank you in advance for talking with me about this matter.

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Interview Agenda:

- Discussion of exemplary differences between the application/claims and the cited references; and
- Discussion of proposed amendments

Exemplary Differences – 103 Rejections

[0002] Proposed claim 1 recites (in part):

generating graphical objects using a first group of services, ***wherein the first group of services includes a service that determines a behavior of the graphical objects***

[0003] In contrast, the primary reference (Smith) describes a programming interface which enables a programmer to specify applications such as web services. The programming interface of Smith also includes a plurality of groups of services. Services that you cited include those enabling drawing of objects and security. Also, Smith mentions that the use of XML and HTML.

[0004] In rejecting claim 9 – the features of which are now incorporated in claim 1 – you cite paragraph 30, lines 4-8 of Smith, which simply mention the well known XML language. I submit though, that the mere mention of the well-known XML language does not teach or suggest ***a service that determines a behavior of the graphical objects***. XML is not a service. Further, the portions of Smith cited by the Examiner as disclosing the first group of services – System.Drawing and System.Web.UI – are not described in any greater detail than their mere names. And nothing

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about those names is sufficient in detail to suggest that the named services include "a service that determines a behavior of the graphical objects", as recited in proposed claim 1.

Proposed Amendments

[0005] Please see the attached Appendix of Proposed Claim Amendments. I would like to discuss your opinion regarding the proposed amendments in light of the currently cited references.

[0006] Thank you in advance for scheduling time for this interview. I look forward to discussing this with you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: February 27, 2009

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Appendix of Claims with Proposed Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A programming interface embodied on one or more computer readable storage media having computer-executable instructions for performing steps comprising:

generating graphical objects using a first group of services, wherein the first group of services includes a service that determines a behavior of the graphical objects;

formatting content using a second group of services, wherein the second group of services arranges the graphical objects;

creating components of the graphical objects using a third group of services;

binding elements to data sources, data source classes, and data specific implementations of data collections using a fourth group of services, wherein the fourth group of services further handle exceptions in data entry;

using a common markup language to map classes and properties specified in the markup language to an instantiated tree of objects across the first group of services, the second group of services the third group of services, and the fourth group of services; and

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integrating the first group of services, the second group of services, the third group of services, and the fourth group of services using a consistent programming model and consistent services across the three service groups.